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National Peanut Board Donates Peanut Butter to Harvest Hope Food Bank

COLUMBIA- The National Peanut Board, along with peanut butter manufacturers and state peanut grower organizations, donated 62,010 jars of peanut butter to Harvest Hope Food Bank through Peanut Proud, a non-profit organization of the U.S. Peanut Industry. The retail value of the donation is estimated at \$180,000.

Commissioner Hugh Weathers and South Carolina peanut growers Monty Rast and Brett Cogdill visited Harvest Hope Food Bank Wednesday morning as the last shipment was delivered.

“So many people have been terribly affected by the recent rain and flood event. This donation by peanut processors and farmers, who are facing losses themselves, is a humbling display of generosity and resiliency. And we thank Harvest Hope for getting food to the folks who need it,” said Commissioner Weathers

The shipment included peanut butter manufactured by J.M. Smucker Company, Algood Foods, Golden Boy Foods, The Kroger Company, and John B. Sanfilippo & Sons. The National Peanut Board, the Georgia Peanut Commissioner, the Virginia Peanut Growers Association, and North Carolina Peanut Growers Association were gracious in their donations to help with disaster relief in South Carolina.

The South Carolina Department of Agriculture and the South Carolina Peanut Board are appreciative of the peanut industry’s donation. To learn more about Peanut Proud, visit peanutproud.com.

Photo Attachment: (From left to right) Brett Cogdill, Monty Rast, and Commissioner Weathers at Harvest Hope Food Bank on October 14 as the last shipment of peanut butter arrived.

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